

"It shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions or defamatory statements, nor shall it refer to the conduct or character of persons except in their official or public capacity."

What is the public capacity of Ali Kunji here? It is all his private capacity so that these questions are not really questions that can be put under Rule 8. It is all his private conduct and character that is brought into the arena of this Council. Under Rule 8(c) it is only something done in an official capacity that can be questioned.

Mr. George Chakymuri :— S'r, I oppose that point of order.

President :— I don't accept the point of order.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Are not the Government aware of the supreme importance of the questions under such important topics which will clearly bring about or disclose to the public at large number of instances of labour repression in our rural parts for which proper justice has not been realised?

President :— What is the question?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Have the Government realised the public importance of similar questions?

President :— To the extent they have realised they have answered.

41. Mr. Ibrahim :— Will the Government be pleased to state how the petitions of Messrs. Kochu Chakkan, Kunjandi and Raman or any of them against Mr. Ali Kunji were disposed of?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— Vide reply to Question No. 39.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Am I to take it that all these persons complained that they were afraid of some harm? Did not any of these petitions contain specific hurt or specific assault? Did all these one dozen petitions contain only instances of their being afraid of this particular repressor?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— None of these petitions under reference contained anything but a vague fear that they apprehended danger from the person.

42. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Will the Government kindly say whether Messrs. Kochu Chakkan, Kunjandi and Raman are now residing in Mr. Ali Kunji's land with exact dates and reasons for their having left their homes in the latter's land?

Mr. Nilakanta Menon :— No. The exact dates of and the reasons for leaving are not known.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— May I know whether any specific investigation was made to find out the exact dates and the reasons for their forcible eviction?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— After sending this answer I got further information by way of a report from the Inspector. I shall read the report which will give the House the circumstances of the case. "Edachalil Velukutty says that he had lived in Ali Kunji's land and that he left the place in 1106. He is not certain of the year. He does not remember the exact date. According to him the reason for leaving Ali Kunji's place was that he was beaten by some servants of Ali Kunji on the ground that he abused Ali Kunji and that he was asked to leave Ali Kunji's land. Ali Kunji says that in 1104 or 1105 he asked Velukutty to go away from his land as there were several complaints of ill-treatment against Velukutty by some of his tenants.

Kochuchakkan, Kunjandi and Raman say that they were living in Ali Kunji's land till 9-4-05. The servants of Ali Kunji asked them to appear before Ali Kunji so that they may be questioned regarding the cocoanuts that were found missing from the paramba they were living in. They were afraid that they will be ill-treated by Ali Kunji, and his men were trying to assault them and that on 9-4-05 they came away from Ali Kunji's place. Ali Kunji says that he asked the above three persons to leave his place as they refused to pay the cost of cocoanuts found missing from the compound where they were living. Thereupon they put in a false petition that he was going to ill-treat them and left his land. Ali Kunji also says that he took steps to prosecute the three men for putting in false petitions and that he withdrew the prosecution as they apologised. This fact was spoken to by Kochuchakkan, Kunjandi and Raman also."

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval :— Will the Government be pleased to see that we are being bothered with private matters here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Did not the paper read by the Hon'ble Member for Police contain some allegations which are inconsistent to the answer presently given by the Secretary? He was saying that there was not a specific complaint of hurt except a vague apprehension of it. Did not the paper which was read by the Hon'ble Member for Police contain specific instances of complaints of actual hurting?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon :— The Hon'ble Member is under a false impression. What was read here was only the version of the tenants as well as the version of Ali Kunji.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— By whom was it taken?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— By the Inspector of Police. These three men were molesting him. A suit was filed against them afterwards. They apologised and the suit was withdrawn.

Mr. George Chakyamuri:— Is the Government aware who are the cooks of Ali Kunji? (Laughter)

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know whether any investigation was made to find out the exact date on which they were evicted from this man's place?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— The parties themselves say that they left the place in 1106, years ago and some others say that they left in 1105.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Is any mention made in that report about the reasons for their having left the place?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— Concerning whom?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Concerning the people in Q. No. 42.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— I will read it again. They were living on Ali Kunji's land till 1-3-05. The servants of Ali Kunji demanded of them the cocoanuts missing from his paramba. They thought that they will be ill-treated by Ali Kunji and so on 4-4-05 they came away from Ali Kunji's land.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Are there statements also from them regarding this?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— No. This is only the report of the Police Inspector.

Mr. George Chakyamuri:— Is that place full of coconut thieves?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— Many of them are.

43. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Will the Government be pleased to place in print on the table a copy of the petition received by the District Magistrate from "Valthara Pappu Makkal (മക്കൾ) Kochu Chakhan മുതൽപേര, മേത്തല, കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ" by registered Cochin Anchal (No. 31 of Thulam 1104 in the Cranganur Anchal Office)?

Rama Varnha Tampuran:— All the petitions received in 1104 have been destroyed. Copy of the petition referred to cannot therefore be placed on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know what the register says regarding the complaints? What exactly the complaints were?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— I want notice.

44. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Will the Government state